

Highly Qualified Status and Sixth Grade Teachers

Highly Qualified Requirements for Sixth Grade Teachers with an Elementary School License:

Sixth grade teachers who have elementary licenses and teach sixth grade students in an elementary or middle school setting, regardless of whether the school is departmentalized, are considered Highly Qualified (HQ) if they meet the HQ requirements for elementary school teachers.

To be HQ, elementary school teachers must hold a valid Indiana teaching license appropriate for elementary school grades AND MUST HAVE COMPLETED ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Passed the Praxis II (#0011) licensing exam entitled “Elementary Education: Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment” or Praxis II (#0020) licensing exam for grades K-3 only; OR
- Passed the National Teacher (NTE, #0010) Specialty Area Exam entitled “Education in the Elementary School;” OR
- Earned 100 points on the HOUSSE rubric for elementary content by the end of the 2006-07 school year (for veteran teachers only); OR
- Earned National Board Certification; OR
- Earned HQ status in another state.

Highly Qualified Requirements for Sixth Grade Teachers with Content Area Licenses:

Sixth grade teachers who have content area licenses are considered HQ in the Core Academic Subject (CAS) if they meet the HQ requirements for the middle school/junior high school level.

To be HQ, content area licensed teachers must hold a valid Indiana teaching license appropriate for the school setting AND COMPLETE ONE of the following FOR EACH CAS that they teach:

- Passed the PRAXIS II exam in the CAS; OR
- Passed the NTE specialty exam in the CAS; OR
- Earned a bachelor’s degree or completed at least 24 college credit hours in the CAS; OR
- Earned a master’s degree or Ph.D. in the CAS; OR
- Earned National Board Certification in the CAS; OR
- Earned 100 points on the HOUSSE rubric by the end of the 2006-07 school year (for veteran teachers only) in the CAS; OR
- Earned HQ status in the CAS while in another state.